Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) and (*b*) The matter is receiving attention.

Effects of the re-organisation of the Excise Department.

34. *Mr. **James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be please to state:

(*a*) the excess sum of money actually incurred for the year 1113 on account of the introduction of the re-organisation scheme in the Excise Department; and

(*b*) the amount of revenue realised so far under various items, such as tobacco, abkari and customs in each month after the reorganisation took effect as compared with the corresponding months of the previous year?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Rs. 88,815 up to the end of Mithunam 1113.

(*b*) *Statements are laid on the table.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know whether the reorganisation has brought about any loss during the year?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know whether there is decrease in the collection under tobacco during the year?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Yes, there is.

Mr. James Fletcher: Does the member expect any increase during the next year?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the small amount collected, is it advisable to maintain the additional staff for next year also?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: There is increase of Rs. 3,12,519 under customs up to the end of Edavom 1113; under abkari, Rs. 17,782; under tree tax more than Rs. 20,000; and under Beedi tobacco Rs. 23,410. In all there is an increase of revenue to the extent of Rs. 3 1/2 lakhs.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether the increase under customs is an addition to the Excise income to be got from the Cochin Harbour?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Yes.

Trivandrum Drainage Scheme.

35. *Mr. **T. Mahomed Ismail** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the Drainage Scheme in Trivandrum Town is expected to be completed?

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